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From:	Bill Efthimiades <BEfthimiades@jcrcri.org>
Sent:	Thursday, March 4, 2021 1:46 PM
To:	House Finance Committee
Subject:	Please add to Testimony for H5012 for this afternoon.

From: Bill Efthimiades <BEfthimiades@jcrcri.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:56 PM
To: rep-abney@rilin.state.ri.us
Subject: Opposition to H5012

Hello Representative Abney:

I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to the passing of H5012. I am not a resident of a Rhode Island but I am employed by John Clarke Retirement Center.

The proposed changes included in this bill would more than likely place us in serious jeopardy of closing our doors, losing our jobs and displacing many residents. This would affect other nursing homes also and wind up causing many closures with no facilities for these potentially displace residents to move into. Where do these residents wind up, section 8 housing? The disruption in in the lives of your constituents and their families should be of major concern to you.

Our facility is already losing money and the added cost would definitely put us over the edge. This is a systemic problem dealing with reimbursement rates which are already low and not realistic. This is a separate issue but one that must be considered. The reality is that many nursing homes are already losing money according to a Blum Shapiro report that we are a part of.

Lastly with everything going on in the world of COVID-19 that we are currently living in, do we really want to increase costs to nursing homes. We have already been hit with an extraordiriary amount of expenses due to the pandemic and we do not know how much will be reimbursed by the government.

I strongly oppose the passing of H5012 until more studies can be conducted to make sure that we do not put our nursing into potential bankruptcy situations which in the long run will create a major disruption to many of your constituents and their families.

Sincerely,
Bill Efthimiades, Business Office Director